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Serial No.: 09/179,188

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: D. Naff

Filed: October 27, 1998

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE RECOVERY OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
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- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY

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March 10, 2003

Sir:

Further to the Reply filed January 8, 2003, please amend  
the above application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 30-31, without prejudice or disclaimer;  
rewrite claims 20, 25 and 29; and add new claims 33-52 as  
follows:

20. (Amended) A method for recovering a nucleic acid  
from a nucleic acid-bearing material, which comprises the  
steps of;

releasing a nucleic acid from a nucleic acid-bearing  
material and forming an aqueous solution containing the  
released nucleic acid;

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